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SUBJECT: KRSKO NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT: POSSIBLE IAEA INVOLVEMENT

1. AGENCY STAFF MEMBER CONCERNED WITH NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH IAEA CALLED MISOFF TO SEEK CLARIFICATION RE TRANSITION PERIOD UNDER NEW AEC URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES CRITERIA TO ACCOMMODATE POWER REACTORS REQUIRING DELIVERIES IN LESS THAN EIGHT YEARS. HE MENTIONED THAT INQUIRY PROMPTED BY PRESENCE IN VIENNA OF TWO YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS SEEKING INFORMATION INFORMALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY FROM AGENCY RE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSFER THROUGH IAEA OF U.S.-SUPPLIED REACTOR AND NECESSARY FUEL THEREFOR. HE NOTED THAT, ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAVS, FINAL DECISION RE SUPPLIER TO BE MADE BY GOY THIS MONTH OR NEXT. YUGOSLAVS ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF EX-IM BANK FINANCING FOR REACTOR AND URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES FOR NECESSARY FUEL IF U.S. SUPPLIER SELECTED.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY YUGOSLAVS, FIRST
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DELIVERY OF FUEL WOULD BE REQUIRED IN 1977. ACCORDING TO

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 11, 1973, BY AEC, EXECUTION OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES CONTRACT SHOULD BE CONCLUDE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 1973, FOR REACTOR REQUIRING INITIAL DELIVERY BEFORE JULY 1, 1978. AGENCY NOTES THAT HIS WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCOMPLISH IN SUCH SHORT TIME-FRAME, AND WONDERED WHETHER U.S. MIGHT BE WILLING MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO ACCOMMODATE YUGOSLAV PROJECT.

3. COMMENT. MISOFF NOTED IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THIS AND MEXICAN CASE, WHERE U.S. REACTOR HAS BEEN ORDERED AND DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO FUEL SUPPLY THROUGH IAEA CONSIDERABLY ADVANCED. AGENCY STAFF MEMBER CONCERNED WAS WELL AWARE OF DIFFERENCES IN THESE TWO CASES, AND MOREOVER, APPRECIATED PROBABLE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING ADVANCE ASSURANCE FROM U.S. THAT DEADLINE FOR CONCLUDING ENRICHMENT SERVICES CONTRACT MIGHT BE EXTENDED TO ACCOMMODATE YUGOSLAVS. WE ARE NOT RPT NOTSURE WE ARE UP TO DATE ON CURRENT STATE OF PLAY OF THIS PROJECT, PARTICULARLY PROPOSED FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, BUT WE ASSUME CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO WORKING OUT SOME ARRANGEMENT TO ASSURE NECESSARY FUEL SUPPLY IF US REACTOR IS SELECTED. END COMMENT. PORTER

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